

Program D: Office of the Pardon Board

Program Authorization: Article XIV of 1974 Louisiana Constitution; R.S. 15:572-574.1; R.S. 36:409; R.S. 15:1111; Hayes Williams, et al v. John McKeithen, et al CA 71-98-B (M.D. La.)

Program Description

The mission of the Pardon Board, whose five members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate, is to recommend clemency relief (that is, commutation of sentence, restoration of parole eligibility, pardon, and restoration of rights) for offenders who have shown that they have been rehabilitated and have been or can become law-abiding citizens. In taking these actions, especially when deliberations involve the amount of time a person will remain incarcerated, the board seeks to strike a balance between public safety and provision of an incentive for signs said recommendation.

The goal of the Pardon Board is to continue to provide expeditious hearing and objective determination of applications for clemency. Amendment #8, which was passed in the October 1999 Constitutional referendum election, provides that first offenders no longer receive automatic pardons after their time has been served.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$295,861	\$319,713	\$319,713	\$342,924	\$309,115	(\$10,598)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	36,068	36,068	0	0	(36,068)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$295,861	\$355,781	\$355,781	\$342,924	\$309,115	(\$46,666)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$216,555	\$229,821	\$229,821	\$248,123	\$231,653	\$1,832
Other Compensation	12,358	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	41,514	87,120	87,120	64,393	55,622	(31,498)
Total Operating Expenses	25,434	17,040	17,040	18,688	17,040	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	4,800	4,800	4,920	4,800	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	17,000	17,000	6,800	0	(17,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$295,861	\$355,781	\$355,781	\$342,924	\$309,115	(\$46,666)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	2	2	2	3	2	0
Unclassified	5	5	5	5	5	0
TOTAL	7	7	7	8	7	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund. In Fiscal Year 2003, Statutory Dedications from the Deficit Elimination/Capital Outlay Escrow Replenishment Fund (created in La. R.S. 39:137) funded a one-time Group Benefits premium adjustment for this program. Statutory Dedications were funded by taxes (Per R.S. 39:36B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedication fund).

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Deficit Elimination/Capital Outlay Escrow Replenishment Fu	\$0	\$36,068	\$36,068	\$0	\$0	(\$36,068)

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$319,713	\$355,781	7	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$319,713	\$355,781	7	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
(\$17,000)	(\$17,000)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$4,079	\$4,079	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$0	(\$36,068)	0	Other Non-recurring Adjustments - reduction for the Group Benefits' one-time premium adjustment
\$2,323	\$2,323	0	Other Adjustments - Personal Services adjustment per the department plan
\$309,115	\$309,115	7	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$309,115	\$309,115	7	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$309,115	\$309,115	7	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

OTHER CHARGES

\$4,800 Office of Telecommunications Management fees

\$4,800 **TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS - OTHER CHARGES**

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.